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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 28, 2005, Applicants hereby elect the species I, Figs. 4-5, for prosecution in the subject application. Claims 1-3, 9-12 and 20 are readable on the elected species. Applicant believes that claim 1 is generic.

Applicant, of course, reserves the right to file a divisional application covering the non-elected subject matter and/or to receive consideration of claims to additional species as provided by 37 CFR 1.141, upon allowance of any claim that is generic.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

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